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| **Introduction**Oral Commentary StructureNovel or Play | Context* Discuss the significance of the context -- spatial/physical (setting), temporal (time period), social (what has happening in society?)
* Audience: For whom was the writer writing?
* Setting: Where is the passage set? Why is the setting significant?
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| Summary: * What happened *before* this passage?
* Overall, what is the passage about? Be specific.
* What happens *after* this passage?
* Describe the overall effect of the passage within the novel or play.
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| Purpose/Thesis Statement* What is the purpose of the passage? What is the writer communicating to the reader?
* Which aspects of the passage will be discussed?
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| **Argument 1**What is one main idea being communicated in the passage? How do these ideas relate back to the purpose of the passage? |
| **Example**Identify a range of examples to support your first claim. | **Analysis*** Identify the literary or structural feature within each example.
* What does the language tell the reader about the text?
* Why has the writer used this type of language or structure?

All analysis should support your argument.  |
| **Argument 2**What is one main idea being communicated in the passage? How do these ideas relate back to the purpose of the passage? |
| **Examples** | **Analysis** |
| **Argument 3**What is one main idea being communicated in the passage? How do these ideas relate back to the purpose of the passage? |
| **Examples** | **Analysis** |
| ***Argument 4 - Optional****What is one main idea being communicated in the passage?* *How do these ideas relate back to the purpose of the passage?* |
| **Examples** | **Analysis** |
| **Conclusion** | -Restate purpose of the passage.-Why is this passage important in the context of the novel or play? What does it help the reader to understand?-Film versions: Why have films been made about this text? Why is this text still relevant today?-Any final opinions or interpretations of the poem.  |